

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Pastor Obed Nelson grew up in South Dakota, graduated from Augustana Academy, Augustana College, and Luther Seminary and was ordained into ministry 45 years ago by his father, Pastor A. P. Nelson; and,

Whereas, Pastor Odeb has served parishes in Kansas, Alaska, North Dakota, and South Dakota, dedicating 25 years of his life to serving in specialized ministries in the field of drug and alcohol treatment, and from 2004 to 2015, he has served as Pastor of Caring Ministries at Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Pastor Obed oversees the Prayer Shawl ministry by blessing the prayer shawls that are knit by church members and distributing them to individuals who were in need of being wrapped in the comfort of the prayer shawls due to circumstances in their lives; and,

Whereas, Pastor Obed initiated and implemented a home communion program which commissioned lay members to visit home bound members and give them the Sacraments, thus feeding the spiritual needs of those who are unable to attend church; and,

Whereas, On July 1, 2015, Pastor Obed is retiring after a long and fruitful career; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan as his family and friends gather on June 23, 2015, to congratulate him on his retirement:

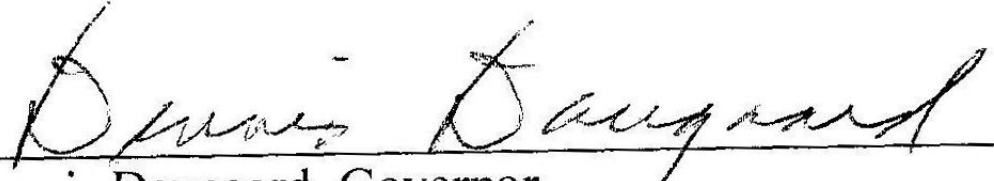
Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 1, 2015, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.


Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:


Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State